

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of producing a cladding tube for nuclear fuel for a nuclear boiling water reactor, which method comprises the following steps:

forming a tube which comprises an outer cylindrical component [(10)] mainly containing zirconium and an inner cylindrical component [(20)] metallurgically bonded to the outer component [(10)], wherein also the inner component [(20)] at least mainly contains zirconium, wherein the material compositions of the inner component [(20)] and the outer component [(10)] are selected such that they differ from each other and such that the inner component [(20)] has a lower recrystallization temperature than the outer component (10);
~~characterised in that ; and~~

~~after that the cladding tube has been formed according to the above and after possible rolling steps with there between occurring heat treatments, the cladding tube is final annealed~~ finally annealing the cladding tube at a temperature and during a time such that the inner component [(20)] substantially completely recrystallizes and such that the outer component [(10)] partly recrystallizes but to a lower extent than the inner component [(20)].

2. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said final ~~anneal~~ annealing is carried out such that the degree of recrystallization in the outer component $[(10)]$ is higher than 50 %.
3. (currently amended) A method according to claim 2, wherein said final ~~anneal~~ annealing is carried out such that the degree of recrystallization in the inner component $[(20)]$ is substantially or completely 100 % and the degree of recrystallization in the outer component $[(10)]$ is between 50 % and 96%.
4. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the inner component $[(20)]$ does not contain more than 1500 ppm Fe.
5. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the inner component $[(20)]$ does not contain more than 1000 ppm O.
6. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the outer component $[(10)]$ has a composition which is completely or substantially according to Zircaloy 2 or Zircaloy 4.
7. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the inner component $[(20)]$ contains between 0.1 and 01 percentage by weight Sn.

8. (currently amended) A method according to claim 7, wherein the inner component ~~[[(20)]]~~ contains 0.1 to 0.4 percentage by weight Sn, 400 to 1500 ppm Fe, less than 600 ppm O and the rest Zr, except for impurities of a content that does not exceed that which is normally accepted in Zr or Zr-alloys for applications in nuclear reactors.

9. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the inner component ~~[[(20)]]~~ has a thickness such that it constitutes between 3% and 30% of the total thickness of the cladding tube.

10. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the final ~~anneal~~ annealing is carried out at a temperature of between 485°C and 550°C.

11. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the final ~~anneal~~ annealing is carried out during 1 h to 6h.

12. (currently amended) Use of a cladding tube produced according to the method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in a fuel assembly for a nuclear boiling water reactor.

13. (currently amended) A cladding tube for nuclear fuel for a nuclear boiling water re-actor, which cladding tube comprises:

an outer cylindrical component $[(10)]$ mainly containing zirconium $[,]$;
and

an inner cylindrical component $[(20)]$ which at least mainly contains zirconium and which is metallurgically bonded to the outer component $[(10)]$, wherein the material compositions of the inner component $[(20)]$ and the outer component $[(10)]$ differ from each other and are such that the inner component $[(20)]$ has a lower re-crystallization temperature than the outer component (10) , ~~characterised in that ;~~ wherein

the inner component $[(20)]$ has a substantially completely recrystallized structure and the outer component $[(10)]$ has a structure such that it is partly recrystallized but not to the same extent as the inner component $[(20)]$.

14. (currently amended) A cladding tube according to claim 13, wherein the degree of recrystallization in the outer component $[(10)]$ is higher than 50 %.

15. (currently amended) A cladding tube according to claim 14, wherein the degree of recrystallization in the inner component $[(20)]$ is substantially or completely 100% and the degree of recrystallization in the outer component $[(10)]$ is between 50 % and 96 %.

16. (currently amended) A cladding tube according to any of the ~~claims 13-15~~
claim 13, wherein the inner component $[(20)]$ does not contain more than 1500
ppm Fe.

17. (currently amended) A cladding tube according to any of the ~~claims 13-16~~
claim 13, wherein the inner component $[(20)]$ does not contain more than 1000
ppm O.

18. (currently amended) A cladding tube according to any of the ~~claims 13-17~~
claim 13, wherein the outer component $[(20)]$ has a composition which is
completely or substantially according to Zircaloy 2 or Zircaloy 4.

19. (currently amended) A cladding tube according to any of the ~~claims 13-18~~
claim 13, wherein the inner component $[(20)]$ contains between 0.1 and 0.7
percentage by weight Sn.

20. (currently amended) A cladding tube according to claim 19, wherein the inner
component $[(20)]$ contains 0.1 to 0.4 percentage by weight Sn, 400 to 1500 ppm
Fe, less than 600 ppm O and the rest Zr, except for impurities of a content that does
not exceed that which is normally accepted in Zr or Zr-alloys for applications in
nuclear reactors.

21. (currently amended) A cladding tube according to ~~any of the claims 13-20~~
claim 13, wherein the inner component $[(20)]$ has a thickness such that it
 constitutes between 3 % and 30 % of the total thickness of the cladding tube.

22. (currently amended) A fuel assembly for a nuclear boiling water reactor,
 comprising:

an enclosing tube $[(2),]$; and

a plurality of cladding tubes according to ~~any of the claims 13-21~~ claim 13
 filled with nuclear fuel suitable for such cladding tubes for a boiling water reactor,
 wherein said plurality of cladding tubes are arranged inside said enclosing tube
 $[(2)]$.